

**PROTOCOLS, MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 13, 2004**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Janine Anderson (available by conference phone)  
Patricia Ellis (available by conference phone)  
John Gallagher III  
Marc Holyfield (available by conference phone)  
Terence Mason  
Terry Shine (available by conference phone)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Steven Curry  
Rob Jarvis  
Sue Kern

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

John Gallagher called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2004 Minutes**

This item was tabled to the next meeting on February 17, 2004.

**III. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Action on Expanding Scope of Practice of EMT-Basics to Carry and Administer Epinephrine.**

Dona Marie Markley reported that at the September Medical Direction Commission (MDC) Meeting, MDC heard and considered a request from Miss Kathleen Maxwell urging MDC to recommend that epinephrine be made universally available from EMT-Basics in the state of Arizona. After consideration and discussion, MDC requested that the matter be referred to PMD for further review and presentation to MDC and EMS Council in January 2005.

Based upon discussion and deliberation, PMD determined that the EMT-B scope of practice should be expanded to allow EMT-Basics to carry and administer epinephrine autoinjectors (EPI-PENS).

Terence Mason made the motion that PMD recommend to MDC that the EMT-B scope of practice should be expanded to allow EMT-Basics to carry and administer epinephrine autoinjectors (EPI-PENS). Specifically:

1. That basic life support (BLS) ambulances be required to carry EPI-PENS.
2. That EMT-Basic administration of EPI-PENS is not an advanced procedure and does not require administrative and on-line medical direction.
3. That for an EMT-B acting as an ambulance attendant, administration of EPI-PENS be a required skill.
4. That for an EMT-B not acting as an ambulance attendant, administration of EPI-PENS be an optional skill, authorized by the EMT-Bs medical director (if he/she has one) or EMS provider.

5. That training requirements be established to ensure that an EMT-B can recognize an emergency situation requiring the administration of epinephrine and properly administer an EPI-PEN; and that the training be modeled after the training adopted by the State of Kansas.

Janine Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 (yes) to 0 (no).

**IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one came forward.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

John Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Dona Marie Markley

Approved by Committee on 3/5/05